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SUBJECT: PSOE SECRETARY-GENERAL FELIPE GONZALEZ'S  
VISIT TO GERMANY

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BEGIN SUMMARY: PSOE SECRETARY-GENERAL GONZALEZ MADE  
A BRIEF VISIT TO GERMANY IN CONNECTION WITH HIS TRIP  
TO THE NORDIC COUNTRIES. HE WARNED OF A POSSIBLE  
ATTEMPT BY SUAREZ AND THE KING TO MANIPULATE THE GENERAL  
ELECTIONS IN SPAIN. GONZALEZ MET WITH WILLY BRANDT AND  
HELMUT SCHMIDT DURING HIS VISIT. HE ALSO ADDRESSED THE  
NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE YOUNG SOCIALISTS BUT AVOIDED  
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CONTACT WITH THE NEWLY ELECTED MARXIST JUSO CHAIRMAN.  
CLEARLY, BRANDT AND SCHMIDT STILL SUPPORT GONZALEZ'S  
PSOE. END SUMMARY.

1. IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRIP HE WAS MAKING TO THE  
NORDIC COUNTRIES, PSOE SECRETARY-GENERAL FELIPE GONZALEZ  
STOPPED IN BONN AND HAMBURG MARCH 18-19. IN BONN, HE

MET WITH SPD OFFICIALS, INCLUDING WILLY BRANDT. IN HAMBURG, HE APPEARED AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE SPD YOUTH ORGANIZATION (JUSO'S) AND MET WITH CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT.

2. GONZALEZ TOOK THE SAME LINE REPORTED IN REFTTEL ABOUT SUAREZ'S POSSIBLE MANIPULATION OF THE ELECTIONS IN CONVERSATIONS WITH GERMAN POLITICIANS. HE TOLD THEM THAT HE WAS STILL VERY ANGRY WITH SUAREZ ABOUT PERMITTING THE HISTORICAL PSOE TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT. BEFORE THAT HE AND SUAREZ HAD AN EXCELLENT WORKING RELATIONSHIP WHICH GONZALEZ CLAIMED SUAREZ WAS TRYING TO RE-ESTABLISH.

3. OUR SOURCES IN THE SPD TELL US THAT PUBLIC OPINION POLLS THEY HAVE SEEN INDICATE THAT GONZALEZ'S PSOE COULD RECEIVE UP TO 20 PERCENT OF THE VOTE. THEY FEEL THAT IF AREILZA IS SUCCESSFUL IN GETTING THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS TO JOIN HIS ELECTION ALLIANCE, THE DEMOCRATIC CENTER, THE DC COULD GET UP TO 35-40 PERCENT OF THE VOTE. THE SPD OFFICIAL TOLD US THAT, AFTER THE ELECTION, COALITIONS WERE POSSIBLE BETWEEN GONZALEZ, AREILZA, AND/OR SUAREZ IN A CENTER-LEFT CONFIGURATION.

4. ECHOING GONZALEZ'S CONCERNS, SPD OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED DISMAY THAT SUAREZ, WHOSE POLITICAL SKILLS THEY RESPECT GREATLY, AND THE KING MIGHT BE TEMPTED TO MANIPULATE THE ELECTIONS. THIS WOULD BE A TRAGEDY FOR THE FUTURE OF A DEMOCRATIC SPAIN, THEY CLAIM.  
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5. GONZALEZ SHOWED A RATHER SOPHISTICATED UNDERSTANDING OF GERMAN POLITICS IN THAT HE AVOIDED BECOMING INVOLVED WITH THE NEW MARXIST LEADER OF THE JUSO'S. GONZALEZ MADE HIS SPEECH BEFORE THE ELECTION OF THE NEW CHAIRMAN AND MADE SURE HE LEFT TOWN BEFORE THE RESULTS WERE KNOWN.

6. THE WARM WELCOME GONZALEZ RECEIVED FROM BRANDT, SCHMIDT AND COMPANY INDICATES THAT THE SPD CONTINUES TO PUT ITS MONEY ON GONZALEZ AND THE PSOE.  
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